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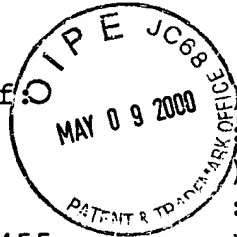
In re Application of

AKIHIRO KATAYAMA

Appln. No.: 09/500,455

Filed: February 9, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD
AND APPARATUS, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM



Examiner: Unknown

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. These documents may be pertinent for the reasons discussed at page 1 of the specification.

Applicant submits that no fee is required for consideration of this information since, to the best of their

knowledge, no Office Action has been mailed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessary for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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